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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: U.S. CONSULATE FUNCTIONS,
ORGANIZATION, STAFFING REQUIREMENTS

REF.: STATE 197257 AND MILLER/CIMMINCS TELECON AUGUST 25
HEREWITH IS PRESENT EVALUATION ON THE NEED FOR AND THE CONTINUED
EXISTENCE OF THE POST AT NAPLES. PLEASE UPDATE IT BY SEPTEMBER
1 AT THE LATEST AND TRANSMIT TO EUR/EX FOR THEIR CONCURRENCE
WITH INFO TO ROME IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 1 REFTTEL:

THE LARGEST OF THE THREE IMMIGRANT VISA ISSUNG POSTS IN ITALY
(8,700 CASES IN FY-74), NAPLES SERVES A LARGE AREA WITH DEEP
HISTORICAL AND ETHNIC TIES WITH MILLIONS OF ITALO-AMERICANS.
THE CONCLULAR DISTRICT, WHICH INCLUDES ABOUT 11,500 PEOPLE AND
19,800 AMERICAN RESIDENTS, IS ALSO THE HOME OF THE MAJOR MILITARY
HEADQUARTERS OF CINCSOUTH, THE SITH FLEET, THE NATO ALLIED
FORCES SOUTHERN EUROPE (AFSOUTH), AS WELL WELL AS SUBORDINATE
COMMANDS SUCH AS THE FLEET AIR MEDITERRANEAN (COMFAIRMED) AND
THE NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY. DOD PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS TOTAL
OVER 10,000 IN THE NAPLES CONSULAR DISTRICT. THE POST ISSUED
OVER 15,000 NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS IN FY-74 AND DEALT WITH SOME
19,000 PROTECTION AND WELFARE INCIDENTS AS WELL AS SOME 7,800
CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT CASES.

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SUPPLEMENTED BY INS, USIS, AND US PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

EMPLOYEES, THE CONSULATE GENERAL ALSO RENDERS A VARIETY OF
COMMERCIAL SERVICES IN AN AREA WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR SOME 20 0/0
OF THE ITALIAN ECONOMY. IN ADDITION, THE POST PROVIDES VALUABLE
POLITICAL REPORTING ON A PARTICULARLY DISTURBING AND IMPORTANT
AREA -- THE DEPRESSED CITY OF NAPLES (1,260,000 PEOPLE) --

WHICH THIS YEAR HAS FOR THE FIRST TIME COME UNDER A COMMUNIST-
DOMINATED ADMINISTRATION.

IN VIEW OF THE MAGNITUDE OF NAPLES' RESPONSIBILITIES,
TRANSFER OF ITS FUNCTIONS ELSEWHERE IS NOT FEASIBLE. BEAUDRY

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